

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 8 (continuing to page 9) with the following amended paragraph:

The sealing plugs according to some embodiments of the present invention comprise shapes having a higher surface-area-to-volume-ratio than an open rectangle for a given set of rectangular dimensions. For example, an open rectangle fitting into dimensions measuring 4 units long, 2 units wide, and 1 unit thick has a surface area of 28 ~~[[24]]~~ units<sup>2</sup>, a volume of 8 units<sup>3</sup>, and therefore a surface-area-to-volume-ratio of 28:8 ~~[[24:8]]~~ or 3.5:1 ~~3.0:1~~. However, referring to Figs. 2A-2B, a sealing plug 218 in relation to the anchor 114 is shown according to one embodiment that has a greater surface-area-to-volume-ratio than 3.5:1 ~~3.0:1~~ for the same rectangular dimensions. The surface area of the sealing plug 218, if sized to fit within the same 4x2x1 unit dimensions and folded as shown in Fig. 2B has an approximate surface area of 42 ~~[[38]]~~ units<sup>2</sup>, a volume of 8 units<sup>3</sup>, and therefore a surface-area-to-volume-ratio of 42:8 or 5.25:1 ~~4.75:1~~.